**REMARKS** 

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 22, 2004. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-19, 21, 22 and 24-34 are presented for examination, of which Claims 2, 5, 9, 22 and 31-34 are in independent form. Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 20 and 23 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Initially, it is noted that the priority acknowledgment on the summary page of the Office Action does not explicitly state that the certified copy has been received by the Patent and Trademark Office. It is Applicant's understanding that the certified copy is in fact in the Office's file of this application, particularly in view of the listing of foreign priority claim in the PAIR system (see attached print-out), and that the priority information will be printed on the face of the patent. If Applicant's understanding is not correct, the Examiner is requested so to indicate in the next paper that the Examiner issues.

The specification has been amended to correct the error kindly pointed out by the Examiner.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 14-17, 23, 27 and 28 include allowable subject matter would be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. In view of the amendments shown above, Claims 2, 5, 9 and 22 have been so amended, and are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. In addition, Claims 31 and 33 have been amended to include recitations corresponding to those of Claim 2, and Claims 32 and 34, to include recitations corresponding to those of Claim 15. Claims 31-34 also are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

All the other claims in the application now depend from one or another of

those claims. Accordingly, all the claims in the application are deemed to be in condition for

allowance.

Nonetheless, the dependent claims are each also deemed to define an additional

aspect of the invention, and therefore, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each

claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully

requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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